

REGION 10 OWW TOPIC BRIEFING – Deschutes River TMDL (WA)

Meeting Purpose

- Inform Mike of Deschutes TMDL history and resubmit process
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- Discuss options for pursuing and coordinating RA, HQ reviews

Project Background

Ecology submitted the final Phase 1 Deschutes TMDL to EPA for approval on December 17, 2015. The submitted TMDL package included a request that EPA approve allocations for 71 (actually 73) Water Quality Limited Segments (WQLSs) impaired by five pollutants (temperature, dissolved oxygen [DO], pH, fecal coliform, and fine sediment). (b) (5)

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Ecology chose to resubmit the Deschutes TMDL on July 17, 2017 and asked EPA ‘to focus’ on a smaller subset of TMDLs for bacteria, temperature, and fine sediment.

Update

- EPA and Ecology collaboratively developed the Deschutes TMDL resubmit letter
- EPA calculated bacteria TMDLs for 12 watersheds to assist Ecology
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Discussion

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